Agreement between India and Qatar for improving working conditions of Indian workers

185. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be. pleased to state;

(a) whether any agreement has been entered into between India and Qatar envisaging improvement in the working conditions of Indian workers in Qatar,

(b) if so, what are the details of the agreement; and

(c) what 'are the names of the ot'ner countries with which Government of India are having discussions for similar agree ments and what ;s the reaction of such countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) An agreement has been entered betwee$_n$ Indian and Qatar envisaging improvement in the working conditions of Indian workers in Qatar. It provides for a model employment contract about service conditions and end of ser-• vice benefits. It also provides for expeditious settlement of their disputes.

Similar efforts are being mad& to enter into labour agreements with other countries.

Closing down retail outlets by N.T.C.

186. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA; SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact mat die National Textile Corporation (NTC) has recenUy colsed down some retail ouUets on the ground of non-viability, if so, what are the names of such retail outlets; and

(b) whetiier NTC proposes to close down some more retails outlets in die near future; if so, die number and locations diereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHR1. KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) During the year 1985-86, the following two showrooms were closed by NTC:—

(1) Arni (Tamil Nadu)

(2) Madurai (East Veli). Tamil Nadu.

(b) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal to close down two showrooms in Tmil-nadu and two showrooms in Andhra Pradesh. However, no final decision has been taken regarding closure of these showrooms;

Indian Labour Conference

187. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state;

(a) whether the 28th Indian Labour Conference met in New Delhi on the 25th a'ria 26th November, 1985;

(b) if so, what are the details of the participants in the Conference;

(c) what are the details of the conclusions arrived thereat;

(d) whether the conclusions were based on consensus; and

(e) if not, what were the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P .A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement I is attached *(See below).*

(c) to (e) In accordance with the decision of the 28th Session of the Indian Labour Conference at its concluding sitting on the 26th November, 1985 that the draft consensus with regard to various issues deliberated by die Conference should be finalised after obtaining the comments from the participants, the consensus was finalised and circulated to ail concerned. A copy of the consensus is attached as Statement II.